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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PRESS ON SOLZHENITSYN

REF: A. MOSCOW 0592; B. BUDAPEST 0089

1. BULGARIAN PRESS OVER WEEKEND CONTINUED ATTACKS ON SOLZHENITSYN, CLIMAXED BY LONG PIECE BY "RABOTNICHESKO" DELO" ADITOR AND BCP SECRETARIET MEMBER GEORGI BOKOV. BOKOV PIECE, IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS BULGARIAN COMMENTARY, INCLUDED VICIOUS INVESTIVES AGAINST SOLZHENITSYN AS WRITER AND "ENEMY OF ALL THINGS SOVIET". BOKOV PIECE HAS NOW BEEN FOLLOWED BY REPRINTS IN EVERY SOFIA DAILY OF PRAVDA PIECE BY "I. SOLOVYEV" (REFTEL A.) WHICH USES MUCH OF SAME LANGUAGE AND ARGUMENTS TO PLACE SOLZHENITSYN BEYOND THE PALE.

THROUGHOUT THE BULGARIAN CMAPAIGN, HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF EITHER  
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RFE, RADIO LIBERTY OR VOA FOR ITS COVERAGE OF

"GULAG ARCHIPELAGO". MEDIA HAS CASTIGATED WESTERN  
PRESS IN GENERAL FOR PLAYING UP SOLZHENITSYN.  
PROBABLY BECAUSE BOOK IS BEING PUBLISHED IN FRANCE  
AND RELATIONS COOLING , ONLY SPECIFIC ATTACKS HAVE  
BEEN AGAINST "FIGARO" AND OTHER FRENCH PAPERS. IN  
PAST BULGARS HAVE NOT BEEN SO RETICENT IN TAKING  
SHOTS AT FOREIGN BROADCASTING STATIONS WHICH THEY  
CONTINUE TO JAM AND CAN NOT PREDICT HOW LONG THEY  
WILL CONTINUE THIS RESTRAINT.  
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